

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Roger Wills, Trinity Free Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Ms. LaMarca was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

A Public Hearing on Community Center Lease and adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Lease; and adopt resolution approving sale of leased property to the Building Corporation. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the selling of leased properties and was seconded by Mr.Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 4-2 roll call.

Letter from Merrillville Schools Superintendent Nicholas Brown requesting The Town to waive permit fees for Pierce Renovation Project. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the waving of permit fees under the condition that they pay the inspectors fee and was seconded by Mr.Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for November 12, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs.Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk reported he would reach out to public works concerning leaves and snow.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit reported that after careful research with Mr. Lake and Mr. Reardon the two current plans with United Healthcare are still the best choice for the Town of Merrillville concerning medical insurance. A recommendation was made to keep the same Dental, Disability and Life insurance with The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the all insurance for the year 2020 and was seconded by Mr.Minchuk. The motion was approved 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac reported along with Mr. Hardaway that all cars parked on main streets will be ticketed and towed due to snow plowing.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report but referred to Ms. Orlich. Ms. Orlich reported that from the Little Kale River Project Grant the town will receive 30 trees that can be selected from a variety of trees. Due to the snow Ms. Orlich will ask if the installation can be pushed back to the spring. Ms. Orlich reported on December 6th the “Santa Procession” will begin at Merrillville Intermediate School and go to Pruzin Park where Santa will be with refreshments from the Lions Club who will also have a float in the procession. The Parks Department along with Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency held two workshops for Medicare part D., at the event number of people attended and signed up. Ms. Orlich finally reported that Ms. Beck will be on the committee for the Census 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports. Mr. Pettit reported that there are still seats available for the gala on November 23rd. All persons interested in attending should give their name to Ms. Rosas by November 14th. The gala will acknowledge the policeman, teacher, and fireman of the year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no reports.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no reports.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES: President Hardaway had no report. Mr. Minchuk reported that 2 out of 3 quick claims parcels have been received; once the final parcel is received work will begin on carriage ward area lot.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING: (Discussion and Roll Call)

Ordinance 19-26, (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, amending Ordinance 19-14 and pay for the employees of The Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the calendar year 2020. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs.Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 19-49, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within The Parks General Fund for the purpose of a grant through the Little Calumet River Basin Project to plant 30 native trees in four community parks. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-50, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, concerning the Holiday Schedule for the calendar year of 2020. Mrs. Uzleac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-51, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, allowing the Town to accept a donation of real estate located at 8312 and 8450 Virginia Street, Merrillville, Indiana, and all matters related thereto. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-52, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Merrillville, Indiana, Confirming the proposed lease of a Community Center in the Town, authorizing and direction the execution of the Lease and the Publication of a notice of its execution, and authorizing other actions in connection therewith. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the Sinclair grant and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. The motion was approved. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Migual Arriago
Owner: Earnest Harper
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To allow a dine-in and drive thru Restaurant
Location: 6740 Broadway
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial Zoning District
Case #: Z39E24-1019

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Petitioner: Tuan Duong
Owner: Jia Chang Li
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To allow a dine-in restaurant
Location: 234 West 81st Ave.
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District
Case #: Z38E23-1019

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Petitioner: MC Burg Property
Owner: B & D Investments
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: Light Industrial Pole
Location: 2929 West Lincoln HWY
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District
Case #: Z36Uv8-0919

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs.Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Petitioner: Samoil Terzioski
Owner: Pavel Terzioski
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: Used Car Dealership
Location: 2523 West Lincoln HWY
Zoning: C-3, Community Commercial Zoning District
Case #: Z30E188-0919

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission Meeting Nov. 19th at 6:30 pm

Environmental Resource Committee Meeting Oct. 21st at 2:00 pm

Abandoned & Blighted Properties Committee Meeting November 21st at 2:30 pm

Town Council Meeting November 26th at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Barron.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer